

Hello in There - John Prine

1 2- 5
We had an apartment in the city,
1 2- 5
Me and Loretta liked living there.
3- 4
Well its been years since the kids had grown,
 1 5
A life of their own left us alone.

1 2- 5
John and Linda live in Omaha,
1 2- 5
And Joe is somewhere on the road.
3- 4
We lost Davy in the Korean war,
 1 5
And I still don't know what for, don't matter anymore.

[Chorus]

7^b 1
Ya know that old trees just grow stronger,
 7^b 1
And old rivers grow wilder every day.
3- 4
Old people just grow lonesome
 1 5 1
waiting for someone to say Hello in there, hello.
(1 2- 5)

1 2- 5
Me and Loretta we don't talk much more,
1 2- 5
She sits and stares through the back door screen.
3- 4
And all the news just repeats itself
 1 5
Like some forgotten dream that we've both seen.

1 2- 5
Someday I'll go and call up Rudy,
1 2- 5
We worked together at the factory.
3- 4
But what could I say if he asks what's new
 1 5
Nothing, what's with you? Nothing much to do.

(Chorus)

1 2- 5
So if you're walking down the street sometime
1 2- 5
And spot some hollow ancient eyes,
3- 4
Please don't just pass them by and stare
 1 5 1
As if you didn't care, say Hello in there... Hello.